

RollPlay



GM NOTEBOOK
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Hello Patrons!

A big pile of prep notes for you this month! With convention season in full swing, the return of Far Verona has been in fits and starts but I'm so excited about the energy the cast is bringing to the table. It's been really exciting seeing how eager they are to explore the world we've all built together and I know there are more than one Faction working to harm or help our new synthetic PCs. Included here are my notes for Season 2, Episode 4 of that show. Also, some catchup on Court of Swords and a big pile of nearly-over Swan Song notes! Hope you enjoy them and find some interesting insight about our shows.

Thank you so much for your support, and welcome to Issue 37 of the GM's Notebook.

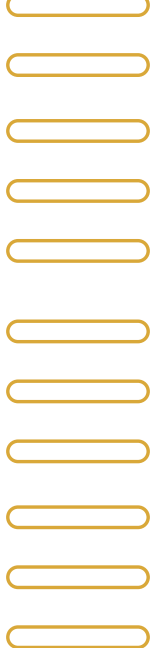
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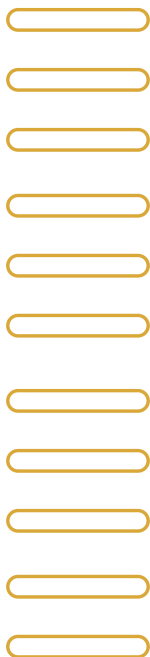


FAR VERONA SEASON 2

EPISODE 4



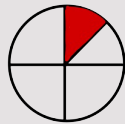
PREP NOTES



FAR VERONA: SQ2 E04

- the Crux team has pinged their location as being in the tunnels under the slums of Old Tanēz, and will continue sweeping for them
- have the PCs come here for help, hope or to hide? whose idea was it to come to Tanēz? to Yakiyah? how did they get here?
- who has connections to the Friends of Yakiyah? what do you owe them? what do you think they can give you?
- dream sequence for Haley - seaside fair, abandoned grounds, sand and sun, a swan, Verona

CRUX:



martin - captured
christine - attendant but injured
hadeel - attendant

- 1) the team finds the truck
- 2) the team tracks the PCs to the tunnels
- 3) they find the PCs
- 4) they recon
- 5) Crux team strikes at the PCs

(hadeel: +1 black die to future roll w/ Jaznah)

(christine knows Johnny doesn't care)

- the team all came to Yakiyah together, except Haley who has connections here that will lead them to safety
- go to Tanēz, then somewhere else after hooking up with Haley
- Anita Fitzsimmons, a member of the Friends of Yakiyah
- the crates contain packs of gear:
 - fake ID
 - gear to support the cover
 } missionaries to Shān
- Autumn's sister is sent on ahead
- "Curly"

Query 9	
Registered SID:	VR:6L80-PB4
"Name":	Oliver
"Surname":	Davies
Origin:	Lab 1143
Protocol:	First Response
Model:	25
Batch:	288
Unit:	237
State:	Sedition

next week: no show, back week after?



Court of Swords:

Episode 119

Prep Notes

Court of Swords: Ep. 119

- after defeating the Voidlings and recovering Ramus, the party is able to escape the vicinity of Opportunity and make their way to Bugfucker's Ranch, which has undergone some fairly serious changes since we saw it last.
- Maharib now bears the Wicked Edge of the Void, a cursed axe gifted to him as a symbol of his sworn oath: to act as Ramus' protector. This gift comes from the hands of the King in Darkness, the Great Green Worm, First Among Those Who Dwell in Shadow: the Mara to whom Ramus owes his soul and patron of the Necromancer King.

The Wicked Edge is an Axe of Wounding:

the great green worm is greatest among his kin

Hit points lost to this weapon's damage can be regained only through a short or long rest, rather than by regeneration, magic, or any other means.

Once per turn, when you hit a creature with an attack using this magic weapon, you can wound the target. At the start of each of the wounded creature's turns, it takes 1d4 necrotic damage for each time you've wounded it, and it can then make a DC 15 Constitution saving throw, ending the effect of all such wounds on itself on a success. Alternatively, the wounded creature, or a creature within 5 feet of it, can use an action to make a DC 15 Wisdom (Medicine) check, ending the effect of such wounds on it on a success.

but retains a curse: the weapon, while not itself intelligent, bears a baleful shard of the will of the Great Worm. All those who lay eyes upon it know that it is an implement of evil and its bearer a servant of terrible forces. The Wicked Edge cannot be used to harm anyone sworn to or claimed by the Mara King. If the wielder attempts to do so, they must first make a DC 15 Wisdom save, and on a failure cannot attack. On a success the attack is possible but the Wicked Edge acts as a non-magical axe with none of its wounding capability. The axe is an artifact of pure strange energies. It may have further qualities to reveal with time...

Bugfucker's Ranch aka The Worm Temple

the farm:

- after Maharib + Amira left, Bugfucker committed suicide several times by way of blood transfusion gone wrong. Most recently, he injected himself with larval void worm blood, scrambling his proverbial noodle. He's gone from doctor to cult leader. A pair of assistant weirdos are helping him out in the swamp, where he aims to summon a void worm.

said weirdos:

- all you need is a knife
 - ten thousand spoons
- } twin lunatic worm-acolytes (human)

- Bugfucker used to be called Most Erudite Savant to Secrets Forbidden to Lesser Scholars and now has no name other than His Holiness, called thus by his new friends.

Court of Swords:

Episode 120

Prep Notes



// Court of Swords: Episode 120 "Reckoning at Bugfucker Ranch"

- bugfucker killed the twins to feed their blood to the soil and conjure the worm

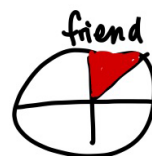
- the creature comes + attacks the PCs, bugfucker runs for it

- bugfucker just wants to die but is a coward, so conflict

berg stealth: 9

the circle: 200yd diameter

AMIRA x
BP



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Mirrorshades


6) ||

• All hell, rite. Shit is busting loose, it's all going down.

- > Kill guards
- > steal chopper
- > gavin dies
- > get paid

Still ahead: secret stuff in the lower labs (Xerxes ^{Taylor} Jones) + Flores + Paydata

(music: shotgun bloom (crisiswave) ~~~~~ )

 Administrator Maxwell: Do the whole "no, let them go, he means nothing"

Javier Flores thinks his name is Juan Perez.

Turn him over to

- Aztech for Maurice's freedom
- Shiawase for ¥
- His sister for ♥

HACKER SHIT

- the system contains paydata and a pipe to the CFS server where the UB stores their main shit.

In the way: Gas, troops, a locked door.

Upstairs: NAN Army Patrol fighting with the UB sec troops

Dooger had a plan? Does she remember it? Shadows! (That's So Raven)

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EPIISODE 44 NOTES



SWAN SONG: Episode 44

~~March 17, 3201~~
(March 23, 3201)

• Dr. Loco is driving Higgs, Flynn, Erik and Alfie

• Piani is not local

• Mr. Beefsteak on the way

• Kira calling in some favors w/ some local gang allies... ~~highbeam~~

(when she shows up, her swoop gangers come with + start shit)

if they get the boat to the madari, they immediately set to work scrapping it down

if there's a fight, the madari cut their losses p quickly / don't fight to help, so much

[Highbeam + Madari both have 6 level 2 soldiers]

► start with motorcycles dropping in on the car as they drive ~ maybe Beefsteak called the Sheriff?

Kira's buddies, the Highbeam (under Cpt. Davies) come in on a ship (the Excuse Me Princess)

Becky Palamash, Madari (Scorpion Clan) + Poor Loco

(end of ep Flynn tells Kira) [Buy + Buy Megastore]

Mr. Beefsteak

Kazuma's mentor

~~Dr. Jim To~~
Dr. Robert Taylor

EPISODE

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46" x 61"



Side panels

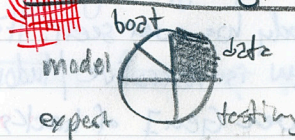
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or

40" x 60" (each 1/2 of 2 panel)

~~Professor~~ Julia Barber

erik make hyperboat?



SWAN Song ~ Ep 45 (clashship beacon)

[April 2nd ~ 3201]

Start with a vision, Piani is in a cold place, alone, being hunted. Show a ruined viking village, then the sky on fire. A wolf at her side with a crystal eye, a raven, then oblivion.

Cut to the crew debarking from the passenger ship they're on.

1) Rajani has given the crystals to the [Taiba clan] a militant Madari clan for leverage. She blames the Hoveydans (even pointing to Jessica Al-Malik + Khalil Shadid, agents on Vinaya, as the likely candidates.

2) Pi has been dreaming... (of an infinite space full of data, lines of code stretching to infinity)

EPISODE

NOTES

SWAN SONG

April 18th @ Anaximander

* Ramirez Al-Muhtim (founder +
spike drive
+ Radiant Amber designer)
concert

→ (Raven's Call) → satanist
black metal type

► Rajani's assistant sends a message via a local Madari agent (Karen Peng)
that asks the crew to look into a local dealer (Vito Marsh) for her, he's
suddenly stopped buying fever

► Marsh (w/ backing of the Familial Order of Bones) has been running a bb
on-world to undercut the Madari + bootleg fever

► Rajani wants him shut down

Asan L. Forrest Scratchfield

► Pay is 10% of Anax profits

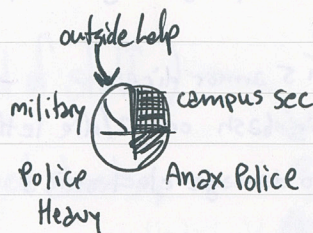
► Agent Park Manjit (of the Perimeter) comes to shadow the crew

► Vera Zaman (2 TA) mistakes Pizi for Quiz

EPISODE 47NOTES

SWAN SONG ep 47

- Vito Marsh, making drugs
- Quia confused
- local police get called



- Vito is ~~pp~~ protected by the Ionians, who he's tricked into helping him. They're a sort of fremen-esque people who settled Anaximander ages ago.
- Vito's base is deep in the Black Erg, a harsh rocky badland, and protected by storms, defense guns, etc.
- The base is funded by the Familial Order of Bones, who want to keep things local
- The Ionians want \$ to fund their war with the local government (the People's Republic of Anaximander)

Phaeton, Stelios, Hellene, Phaedra ~ Ionian Commandos

↳ call Vito "Marsh" and serve him grudgingly

#NODISASSEMBLE [P. calls Higgs ~~✱~~ JR]

~~officer~~ Prof. Sikorski

EPISODE

48NOTES

[5/Two]

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SWAN SONG 48

- 1) Vito wants to find out more re: the song
- 2) the Familial Order of Boves wants it
- 3) the sacrament is their batch of honey used to induce a trance state
- 4) Madari vs. NP

Dr. Enke Yamamoto

- you're having a nightmare, again
- blood, chaos, demons
- you see the angels, building the machine, watch yourself put in a jar
- you feel a wave of fear
- a ringing wakes you up
- it's Vito, checking on you
- someone's fucking with the operation. find them.
- they're trying to stop the sacrament!

(mr S will send Olaf +
Beefsteak to help)

